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Court refuses city's appeal

Few options remain for National City

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Illinois Supreme Court has refused to consider an appeal of the dissolution of the village of National City.

A spokesman for the Supreme Court Clerk's office said on Wednesday the court declined to hear an appeal, filed by attorney David Fahrenkamp on behalf of the village.

Fahrenkamp said Wednesday he had not heard about the decision, and is not sure what village officials will do next.

"I haven't thought about the exact steps that we'd take at this point," he said. "We've talked about some options but I couldn't talk about it on the record."

He said one avenue would be to file suit in the U.S. District court. "It's not a strong likelihood that that's an avenue we would pursue," he said.

The original suit had been filed by the village after St. Clair County attempted to have the village disbanded because it didn't have enough residents.

On Oct. 3, the Fifth District Appellate Court in Mt. Vernon ruled in favor of a lower court decision approving a motion by St. Clair County to dissolve the village.

The action came after the county

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David Fahrenkamp
National City attorney

held a special census in August 1996 showing no residents living within the village's boundaries. A minimum of 50 is required. The 1990 census showed a population of 57.

The county's action had been prompted by complaints by the St. Louis National Stockyards, which owns most of the property in the village, about high taxes and an attempt by the village board to license a strip club in the village.

The stockyards evicted the residents, and the county has blocked efforts to create another residential area.

The village argued the county must wait until the next regular, or decennial, census in the year 2000.

The appellate court rejected the argument. The statute does not limit this to the last preceding decennial Federal census," the opinion stated.

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Klondike Derby



SCOTT COUSINS / Press-Record

Members of Granite City Boy Scout Troop 46 stamp out a fire at the eighth annual Klondike Derby Saturday at Camp Warren Lewis in Godfrey. Fire building was one of a number of skills the Scouts were required to master. The Scouts were among about 600 competing in the all-day event.

Construction begins on industrial project

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Construction began this week on the newest business to set up shop in Granite City's Highway 3 Industrial Park, and another business may soon come on board.

Midwest Metal Coatings LLC will build a \$12 million, 22,000-square-foot steel treating facility that will provide numerous construction jobs and at least 60 high-paying manufacturing jobs to the city.

The city council gave the permission to negotiate with another company," said Dan Brown, the city's director for economic development.

A Louisiana-based busi-

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ness has expressed interest in Granite City, he said. The business' name is not yet public information negotiations are still underway.

"They're looking at 5 acres," Brown said. He said the Louisiana company is in a related field to Midwest Metal, and in fact would use a product of Midwest.

Late last year, the council also approved purchasing 68.5 acres at a cost of \$6,000 an acre from Norfolk Southern, plus a land gift to the city from the railroad for the balance of the land, approximately 53.5 acres.

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Poshard receives grand reception

By Scott Mandrell
Staff writer

If Glenn Poshard was looking for friends in the Metro East, he found them Monday night. Rusty's Restaurant in Edwardsville was the scene of an old-fashioned Democratic reception for the Illinois gubernatorial candidate.

The event was hosted by Madison County Friends of Glenn Poshard. But that did not deter the party faithful from St. Clair County and other surrounding communities from joining in the welcome. Mayors, labor representatives and teachers were among the crowd eager to express their support for the 19th District congressman.

Poshard was introduced to his potential constituents by Congressman Jerry Costello (D-Bellefonte). The two have been long-time friends and have served together on a

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Glenn Poshard
candidate for governor

number of Congressional committees, including Labor and Transportation.

When questioned about the distinctions between himself and the three Chicago-area Democratic opponents he faces in the March 17 primary, Poshard said: "I have the background in the legislative process, the folks running against me don't."

Poshard outlined several of the issues he felt would be key to his term as governor. Among those he ranked most important were transportation

and infrastructure, job creation through incentives and special projects such as "brown field" cleanups, health care (to include a patient bill of rights) and prison reform.

When pressed on the last issue, Poshard said he felt it was wrong that amenities like television, weight rooms and the like were accorded to those incarcerated for their crimes. Poshard said he would move to see such privileges used as incentives and rewards.

"The object is that they come out a better person," he

said. State's Attorney Bill Haine expressed approval with Poshard's desire to reform Illinois prisons.

"I agree with him," Haine said. "The state is using money on amenities instead of building (prison) cells."

In his speech, Poshard referred to Harry Truman, Adlai Stevenson and Hubert Humphrey, challenging Democrats. "To get back to their roots," Poshard promised that, if elected, "working class people would not only have a plate at the table, but it would be at the side of the governor."

While many of the candidates' remarks sounded familiar Democratic themes, Poshard was quick to point out that his administration would be a fiscally responsible one. "I pledge to you we will not be borrowing from our kids."

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Eagles celebrate 100 years of service

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Every member owes at least one new member to his Aerie each year.

The Fraternal Organization of Eagles has never been stronger, as the Eagles celebrate their 100th anniversary on Friday.

Locally, the Eagles chapter 1126 is celebrating its 94th year in the Granite City area.

It's a time for much celebration of people helping people, said Kenny Spencer, secretary of the local Aerie. "People helping people is a great motto for us because that is what we try to do," he said. "That's the greatest thing with the Eagles."

The Eagles do not look upon themselves as merely — or even primarily — a social group, although social fellowship plays a big part.

Supporting numerous local and national and international charities is what the Eagles do best.

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Eagles 1126 officers include, from left, front row: Bob Gregon, Les, Craig Nyers, John Paschedag, Rich Edorle, Robert Sanders, Leroy Stark and Charles Stokes; and back row: James Boyd, Jim West, Kenny Spencer and Tim Venne. At right is Andrew Vollmer, Eagles grand worthy president elect.



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OPINION

THE FARM GUY

Ag industry has great potential for job seekers

Last week, I tried to help educate our readers by pointing out some interesting facts about agriculture. But those few facts were far from what I would consider an education in the world of agriculture.

Is there a future in agriculture? I don't mean farming and raising livestock, I mean in the world of agri-business. I always refer to the topic as agriculture because the field is much larger than just farming. There are efforts being put forth all over the country to bring agricultural education back to the classroom in both rural and metropolitan areas. Illinois is one of the states putting together programs to bring the world of agriculture to the consumer of the future.

Kindergarten through high school students. There was a time when just about every high school in the state had some type of vocational education. As times changed, so did school programs. We saw the passing of such things as the Future Farmers of America and declining numbers of enrollment in 4-H clubs.

Well, it is time we try and bring the world of agriculture back to the schools.

We are fortunate to have this type of program available in the area. Facilitating Coordination in Agriculture Education, a program headed by Dean Dittmar, would offer a high school agriculture education course that can fulfill a science requirement.

As we look at the education process, let's look on past high school. The agri-business industry has all the potential in the world for a student of the future.

The enrollment in the College of Agriculture at Southern



David Schumacher

Illinois University at Carbondale has increased tremendously over the past several years. Robert Arthur at school tells me they have seen a 40 percent increase in enrollment since the mid-1980s and an 18.8 percent increase in the last six years.

The major increases are in the fields of agribusiness, ecology, animal science, plant and soil science, general agriculture and forestry. For the past four to five years, Arthur estimates that they have seen 85-88 percent placement rate for College of Agriculture graduates.

As you can see, the job outlook in agriculture is tremendous. The technological changes that have taken place over the past five years are overwhelming, and I expect the changes the next five to be even greater. To meet the challenges of this new technology, more and more agriculture students are going to be needed.

If you are a high school student and are looking toward college and beyond, give agriculture a look. Until next time, have a great week, and keep those e-mail letters coming. The address is farmguy@juno.com.

David Schumacher is the farm director for 550 KTRS AM radio in St. Louis.

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Your house is on fire and your family and pets are safe outside. You have time to run back in and grab one thing. What would it be?



"I wouldn't go back in for anything because once my family and pets were out, I wouldn't worry about any of the material things we have. They're replaceable."
Diane Caney, 47
Belleville
Home child care



"I would go back in and get pictures of my children when they were kids."
Madonna Greenfield, 41
Medical assistant



"I would get my purse because it has all of my credit cards and identification in it."
Debbie Talbott, 39
O'Fallon
Credit associate



"I would get pictures of my kids and grand-kids."
Roy Lee Hayes, 59
Customer service representative



"I don't think I would go back in and get anything. I would just be happy my family and pets were safe."
Robin Bloomquist, 16
Granite City
Student

Photos and interview by T.W. Miller
Interviewed at St. Clair Square



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New facility a must

TO THE EDITOR:
Once again we read in the newspapers that the county wants to close the Madison County Nursing Home and Madison County Shelter Care Home.

The time has come to do something. The buildings are too old and costly to operate. A new building, all on one floor, would save a lot of money. The utility bills for a new building would probably cost about half of what is currently paid on the two old buildings.

No one likes to pay taxes, but we need those homes. Even if you have money enough to pay for other nursing homes, when your money runs out, what do you do then? Private homes only take a limited number of people on public aid. You may say you will never need a nursing home. I hope you don't, but you may have a friend or relative that may need these homes. WE buy car insurance and fire insurance and we hope we never need it.

It is better to have and not need, than to need and not have. By closing these homes, more than 100 people would be put out of work. Madison County Nursing Home and Madison County Shelter Care have some of the best employees around. They never have to advertise for help or for patients. One of the reasons residents in these homes have such excellent care from better wages than they would in many of the private nursing homes.

We need to build and maintain a new facility to house the Madison County Shelter Care and Nursing Home patients. Your help is essential.

Please vote "yes" for the two resolutions to support the Madison County Nursing Home and Madison County Shelter Care Home March 17. Thank you.

WILFRED HARTGE
Glen Carbon

Donate to wildlife preservation

TO THE EDITOR:
The start of the new year is a time for celebration, reflection and reeducation. As we begin 1998, I would like to remind Illinois residents of the need to reeducate ourselves to the cause of wildlife preservation.

In the weeks ahead, your mailbox will be filled with income tax filing documents. As you review your tax strategy, may I ask that you consider donating all or a portion of your Illinois state income tax refund to the Wildlife Preservation Fund? Donations are tax deductible and may be made on line 15a of the IL-1040 state tax return form.

BRENT MANNING
Director
Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Health care is a right

TO THE EDITOR:
More than 1,337,000 people in Illinois, including 300,000 children, are without any form of medical insurance. This number, more than 11 percent of the population, is equaled by another 11 percent of the population with inadequate health insurance. It is a small wonder that health-care costs are a leading cause of family bankruptcy.

Many of the rest of us are just one layoff or downsizing away from losing our health insurance. Many of us are just one major illness or accident in the family from losing everything. The state of Hawaii has more than 30 percent of its citizens covered, and Vermont has covered all of its people under the age of 18. Now we in Illinois have a chance to do something about this problem at last. We can pass the Bernardin Amendment mandating the state legislature and governor to create a universal health-care plan by May 2002.

In the words of the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, "Health care is an essential safeguard of human life and dignity, and there is an obligation for society to ensure that every person is able to realize this right." This inspired this amendment and sets its moral backing. Universal health care also makes good economic sense, particularly since the main beneficiaries would be the working poor.

For those with good health insurance and for businesses, universal health care is also beneficial because their insurance costs go up as the uninsured postpone treatment until they must use the emergency rooms at very high costs, which are then passed on to those insured.

For more information on how to help pass the Bernardin Amendment, write to Rep. Mike Boland, 605-17 Ave., Suite 2, East Moline, 61244; or call (309) 752-1171.

MIKE BOLAND
Representative, 71st District

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To call the Journal "Sound Off!" line, dial 277-9522 and leave your message. We won't print personal attacks or unfair criticism of individuals or businesses. Please keep your comments brief and reasonable.

Haven't we learned?

I am very upset over the Clinton sex scandal. Haven't we learned anything over the death of Princess Diana? Will we keep talking and broadcasting this until the pressure gets too much and a member of the Clinton family commits suicide? Then would we be happy? Let them without sin cast the first stone.

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News

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

This column was compiled from the files of the Granite City Press-Record.

2 YEARS AGO
Gary Frost, 46, of Granite City was sentenced to spend the next 10 years in a federal prison for his part in a drug ring that distributed more than a ton of marijuana in Madison County over a three-year period. Frost was ordered to surrender his home on the 1300 block of Chouteau Place Road plus \$235,535 under drug forfeiture laws.

5 YEARS AGO
An arbitrator was to decide on the terms of a new contract between Granite City and police officers after a 32-18 vote by officers to reject a tentative agreement reached Jan. 27 by negotiating parties of both sides. The officers were members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1347. Police had been operating without a contract since May 1992.

10 YEARS AGO
A bomb that exploded Feb. 2 outside the office of Dr. Arturo Traca in Venice is thought to be the work of Filipino extremists who support ousted dictator Ferdinand Marcos. The bomb did slight damage to the building at 603 Broadway.

The bombing was an isolated political incident, according to Emmanuel Quintos, administrative assistant to the Philippine Embassy in Washington, Traca, a Filipino Urologist, was active in Philippine politics. He opposed Marcos' overthrow in 1985.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN Jerry Costello continued to dominate fundraising in the race to succeed Rep. Melvin Price, according to records filed with the Federal Election Commission.

25 YEARS AGO
The Madison City Council passed a resolution asking that the 305 acres of the old depot, which are in the city of Madison, and all warehouses and buildings on that property be sold to Madison.

In January (1973), the Press-Record reported the Pentagon planned to turn portions of the base not being used for housing and Army personnel support over to the General Services Administration for disposal.

A \$150,000 wood baffle system was recently installed at Granite City Steel to reduce air pollution from the coke quench tower. Carloads of fresh coke are cooled by a water shower at 1,400 degrees Fahrenheit to 150 degrees at the quench tower.

The company reported that resulting steam plumes are whiter in color now, indicating less particulate matter in the steam. Part of a \$4 million state-approved air pollution control program the company is implementing, the baffle system has increased the height of the quench tower to 51 feet from 39 feet.

50 YEARS AGO
Disturbed by the 50 percent reduction in family relief allotments for families of four, several family relief clients staged a peaceful demonstration in the city hall, which resulted in an emergency conference called that same day.

The sharp cut in relief became effective with the first orders issued in February 1938 by Supervisor Louis Romann, who said it was made necessary after his request for \$35,668.25 from a government agency had been reduced to \$19,187.

Staff will try to drive home point to students

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

Students who attend Friday's 13th annual drinking and driving awareness conference in Mascoutah will be in for a rude awakening.

St. Clair County's Youth DUI program director Patty Kubitschek hopes the all-day seminar will make students more aware about the dangers of drugs and empower them to make positive lifestyle choices.

"When other people try to

get my students to use alcohol and drugs, it shows they disrespect them," said Monday's seminar. "None of my students want to be dominated, controlled and manipulated by either their fellow students or by an adult figure as it's just easier for somebody to control you when you are under the influence."

About 300 students, representing 20 area schools from seven area counties, including Madison, Monroe and St. Clair, are expected to attend the all-

day seminar at Mascoutah High School. Kubitschek, who will present a session on the "Hidden consequences of alcohol and other drugs," said alcohol and drugs can be dangerous at any age.

"But, it seems like my students think it's invisible until it happens to them or a friend," she said.

The keynote speaker will be Tommy Nugent, Nugent is a national speaker and magician based in Cincinnati who has

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Edgar wants LCCC building in budget

By Linda N. Weller
Telegraph staff writer

Gov. Jim Edgar took advantage of Monday's sunny skies to personally deliver the good news that \$10.1 million in grant money for construction of the Allied Health and Math Building at Lewis and Clark Community College will be in his budget proposal.

"It's a beautiful day on the LCCC campus and I hope people will remember that it's a beautiful event," Edgar said.

Edgar flew by state helicopter from Springfield to the community college grounds, made his announcement to a crowd of about 200, then toured the Old Science Building, which opened last fall.

When funded, the proposed \$13.5 million health and math building will be built adjoining the north side of the science building, connected by a three-story atrium.

The 58,000-square-foot building will house a proposed occupational therapy assistant program, math classes, dental assisting and hygiene and other allied health classes.

Edgar called construction of the building a "two-for-one" for Illinoisans.

"First, it's crucial we prepare students of Southwestern Illinois with skills so they can find good employment. Secondly, they will provide better

'Any time the state gets a two-for-one, it's a big plus.'

Gov. Jim Edgar

health care for people in the 21st century. Any time the state gets a two-for-one, it's a big plus," Edgar said.

This new structure will allow you to provide even more for the students who come to Lewis and Clark. It will be more than bricks and mortar. It will allow students to come here to prepare for the work force," Edgar said.

Edgar will present his fiscal year 1999 budget to the General Assembly on Feb. 18. He approved a \$500,000 architectural and engineering planning grant for the building in December.

The proposed grant has a long road ahead, however, as it must make its way through state committees and the General Assembly. Legislators also could put all capital project appropriations on hold for fiscal year 1999 as they did several years ago.

Edgar said he was hopeful that the legislature would give the go-ahead to fund capital projects. He declined to spec-

ify what his 1999 capital project recommendations would be or to give a total amount of his requests.

Edgar did say he wants the state to provide more money for education but also is going to propose holding back funds in reserve so Illinois will have "an end of year balance."

The Illinois Board of Higher Education forwarded its priority list for capital improvements and operating expenses to Edgar several weeks ago. In those proposals, the IBHE rated the health and math building a "number six" priority rating out of 34 projects. Total capital proposals, including new projects, renovations and technology improvements carry a price tag of \$240.4 million.

A pleased Dale Chapman, president of LCCC, introduced an array of officials at the announcement, which was held in the Advanced Technology Center.

"The two buildings will function together to create a real synergy for our allied health, math and science offerings. This lets us expand and enhance our programs to meet the long-term needs of both students and employers in Illinois," Chapman said.

If the General Assembly approves the funding this year, construction is expected to begin this fall and be completed by 2000.

Officials brace for beginning of bicycle injury season

By Alone Hill
Staff writer

It won't be long before bicycles are hauled out of winter storage and a rash of bicycle-related injuries begin showing up in doctors' offices and hospital emergency rooms.

In response, the Madison County Health Department, along with the Emergency Medical Services for Children, has developed a bike safety program they plan to present

to every third grade class in the county beginning in February.

We sent out letters last week to over 80 schools and we're already getting a good response," said Jean M. Barnard, health educator for the department.

Third grade students are targeted, said Barnard, because of statistics and age.

"On the national level, there are a large number of kids (in that age bracket)," she said.

"And that's a good age to be forming good habits."

The need for the program, Barnard points out, is shown by statistics on bicycle injuries.

Children ages 5 to 14 — there are about 27.7 million of them nationwide — account for around one-third of all bicycle-related deaths and more than two-thirds of all bicycle-related injuries. Statistics also show that riders without a helmet (See BIKES, Page 6A)

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NEWS



From 1975, Eagles Aerie members display posters showing their support for the Eagles Max Baer Heart Fund.



Eagles Aerie and Auxiliary 1126 display their slogan, "People Helping People," during a parade in Granite City three decades ago.



Also from 1975, Eagles Auxiliary members show their support for Jimmy Durante Children's fund.



Eagles and children from an earlier time gather for an event in the Eagles' hall. Eagles 1126 sponsors many children's programs and events.

•Eagles

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Andrew Vollmer, Grand Worthy President Elect, said the money Eagles gather in various fund-raisers goes for research.

"It's spread over everything, such as open-heart surgery (research)," he said. When he first got involved with the Eagles, Vollmer said, kidney dialysis, for example, involved bulky, heavy machinery that kept a patient in one place.

"Now, they have a machine that hooks right on the body and you can get dialysis while you're at work," he said. "That comes from research."

Major 1126 fund-raising activities include Bingo on Saturday nights at Nameoki Bingo Center as well as other activities at the club throughout the year to support national charities for heart, cancer, kidney, diabetes and Alzheimer's.

The money the Eagles raise goes toward research plus the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund, child abuse, DARE, a Golden Eagle program for senior citizens' activities and an Eagle education program within Illinois for Eagle members.

"Illinois has been tops in most charities except for the cancer fund," Vollmer said. Another project the Eagles sponsor are Eagle Houses, which are orphanages in numerous countries around the world for children who lost their parents to war or other causes.

The Aerie 1126 was instituted Aug. 19, 1905, and has been at the same 26th and Madison location since then. The auxiliary was instituted Oct. 28, 1928. The auxiliary works closely with the local Aerie in supporting all the same national charities as well as an Illi-

nois Disaster Fund for Eagles members.

Local Aerie 1126 has an active senior citizen's committee that sponsors the annual Thanksgiving day dinner for senior members and Christmas food baskets.

Both the Aerie and auxiliary contribute to local causes such as Protestant Welfare, Catholic Charities, Four Square Food Pantry and the Salvation Army.

The Eagles sponsor youth baseball and soccer teams; are a major supporter of the youth flag football program and Cub Scout Pack 15, and have donated to many other youth and adult groups.

Other projects and events the Eagles 1126 Aerie and Auxiliary are involved with include barbecues to raise funds for charities, a bowling league for members, with state and national tournaments; softball teams for these 35 and older, and national and state tournaments for the younger men; and a pig and lamb tag barbecue with all proceeds going back into the club.

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Milestones of Eagles' success

- 1898 — Order founded in Seattle on Feb. 6.
- 1908 — Sponsored America's first mother's pension law.
- 1911 — Sponsored country's first workmen's compensation law.
- 1923 — Sponsored America's first old age pension law.
- 1935 — Supported enactment of Social Security.
- 1941 — Dedicated Eagle Dormitory in Boy's Town, Neb.
- 1944 — Established Eagles Memorial Foundation.
- 1950 — Financed the entrance to the Chapel of the Four Chaplains.
- 1953 — Established Eagle Haus in free Berlin, Germany.
- 1957 — Inaugurated nationwide "Jobs After 40" program.
- 1959 — Established Eagle-Care trade school in Naples.
- 1960 — Dedicated Eagle Hall of Fame at Home on the Range for Boys in North Dakota.
- 1961 — Dedicated Eagle Village in Florida as Senior Eagle Retirement Home.
- 1962 — Established Eagle-Care trade school in Anadan, Iran.
- 1963 — Established Eagle House at Beyman, Turkey.
- 1964 — Established Eagle House at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.
- 1965 — Established Eagle Houses in Israel and Tunisia.
- 1966 — Ralph Bird Memorial Library at Eagle Village established.
- 1967 — Eagles' Jimmy Durante Children's Fund set up.
- 1968 — Established Eagle House at Columbia, South America.
- 1969 — Established Eagle House in the Philippine Islands.
- 1970 — Eagle Ridge Village established in Topeka, Kan.
- 1971 — Established Max Schroeder Eagle House in South Korea.
- 1972 — Golden Eagle Fund set up.
- 1973 — 75th anniversary.
- 1974 — Jimmy Durante Eagle House established at Managua, Nicaragua.
- 1975 — Initiated "Blow the Whistle on Crime" program.
- 1976 — Instituted first European Aerie.
- 1977 — Established Eagles-Care Weaving Center in Guatemala.
- 1978 — Hubert H. Humphrey Eagles-Care school set up in Honduras.
- 1979 — First telethon for Hughson School for Children, Point Arthur, Texas.
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•Project

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The railroad deal and the deal for Tower's land is helping Midwest, because that company will need to be served by rail between its plant and Granite City Steel, and to other parts of the country.

An official ground-breaking ceremony for Midwest is set for mid-March.

This week, a temporary road was installed. After the groundbreaking, a permanent road will be in place.

Granite City will share the

cost of that road with the county highway department, he said.

The Madison County Sewer District will bring in the park's sewers, while the Illinois Department of Transportation will oversee the installation of the line.

The Midwest Metal plant will have the capacity of approximately 250,000 tons of hot-rolled steel a year, and will process 60,000 pound coils 60 inches wide, 84 inches in diameter from Granite City Steel.

Edwardsville
Permits near
\$35 million

Permits issued for construction in the city of Edwardsville neared \$35 million in 1987, a mark one city official is calling a "mixed blessing."

The value of single-family

The material will be transported to the plant both by truck and rail.

Midwest will not actually make anything, but will paint the steel, the same as a sister plant a half-mile away on Highway three, which works with smaller coils.

Shipping out will be by coil-carrying gondolas and barges. Material would be shipped by barge to Houston, which at one time was the metal building center of the nation.

don't have enough volunteers to do it," she said.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Barnard at 692-8954.

"We'll be able to accommodate schedules so people can volunteer and visit their local school at a time convenient for the school and the volunteer," she said.

Unlike lower courts, the Supreme Court is not required to hear an appeal.

Two neighboring communities, Madison and Fairmont City, have expressed interest in annexing the National City property.

Here's what happened around the Metro East in the past week:

Cahokia

Refuse tolerance
for clutter, trash

Mayor Mike King wants a cleaner Cahokia, and he's asking residents to pitch in.

King chided both careless people and the eight or nine private trash haulers in the village.

However residents also have a responsibility, King said. Unused newspapers piling up on yards and driveways are a particular nuisance, he said.

The Board of Trustees is considering an ordinance that would regulate trash haulers, he said. The ordinance would create specific dates for the haulers to pick up trash.

East St. Louis

Little Rock 9
member a gift

Thelma Mothershed Wair is known by her co-workers at the

•Driving

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dedicated his life and skills to communicating positive, life-changing messages to youth.

Nugent will be speaking on "I am immortal: A lesson in how to live forever." His presentation is at 8:45 a.m.

The other breakout sessions will include the "Effects of alcohol and other drugs on the organs." Viewed disease

Second Chance Emergency Shelter as "our celebrity."

"She knows she's our gift," said Arthur Johnson, a counselor who has worked with Wair at the East St. Louis shelter for eight years.

As a member of the Little Rock Nine, Wair stood on the front line of one of the civil rights movement's biggest battles. Wair and eight other black students faced down a hostile mob and, under armed escort, entered the all-white Central High School in Little Rock, Ark. on Sept. 25, 1957.

Now, Wair teaches basic life skills to women at the shelter.

O'Fallon

New interchange
hinges on funds

A new Interstate 64 interchange could be built at North Greenmount Road in O'Fallon by as early as the year 2000 if funding becomes available.

The Federal Highway Transportation Administration on Monday approved an access point for the interchange.

The big issue now is how do we come up with the \$6 million to build the interchange.

the Rollover Convincer, showing the effects of not wearing a safety belt.

Kubitschek said too often people fail to neglect the many consequences of drugs, which could lead to a sexually transmitted disease, an auto crash, pregnancy, high insurance rates or getting no insurance at all.

•Poshard



SCOTT MANDRELL / Press-Record

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In addition to winning support from the Madison County Democratic Party, Poshard has been endorsed by the Illinois AFL-CIO, the St. Clair Democratic Party and more than 90 other Democratic organizations across the state. Chicago's 16,000-member Fraternal Order of Police union has also given Poshard its endorsement.

If elected, Poshard would be Illinois' first Democratic governor in 22 years.

**Gubernatorial candidate
Glenn Poshard greets
supporter Tom Masovsky
at Labor Local 218 during
a reception Monday
night in Edwardsville.**

•Bikes

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Bicycle helmets are likely to be involved in a fatal crash than bicyclists wearing a helmet.

Barnard said the program addresses safety equipment, especially helmets and pads, as well as rules of the road for bicycle safety.

"Besides having the equipment, children need to know

how to wear it," she said.

"Wearing a helmet too loose or not far enough on the forehead doesn't help protect the head on impact."

Barnard is concerned about recruiting enough volunteers for every class interested in the program.

"We'd hate to turn down an interested school because we

•City

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By using the adjective "decennial" in the fourth sentence (of the statute) but excluding it later, the legislature "clearly demonstrates" that use of the decennial census was not required.

"Requiring a county to wait until the next decennial census to seek the dissolution of a municipality whose population has fallen below 50 would hinder rather than serve the purpose of the statute," the opinion stated.

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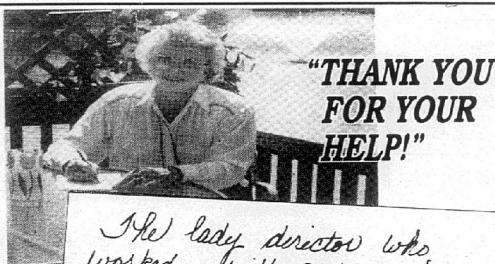
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Warriors win 2 in busy stretch

GCHS' hopes of state title take a blow

In ancient Persia, affairs of state were sometimes resolved by wrestlers.

Disputes were settled when both sides in the matter chose a designated grappler and the pair faced off in a David-and-Goliath-like struggle with the winner gaining the political spoils for his supporters.

Though Granite City is a long way from the Persian Empire in both miles and time, the custom of wrestlers deciding affairs of state is alive and well.

Over Super Bowl weekend, five individuals allegedly vandalized 11 cars in Granite City, inflicting thousands of dollars of damage. Two were charged as adults last Friday, three others are expected to be charged as juveniles.

Four were starters on the wrestling squad at Granite City High School.

In a swathe of senseless vandalism, an affair of state was settled.

As a result, Granite City High School grapplers will not contend for a state wrestling title in 1998.

This team had a chance. A great chance.

It has no chance now.

I feel no sympathy or sorrow for the vandals. They will get what they deserve.

Unsubstantiated rumor has it that the four wrestlers could return to the squad in time for sectional competition. But, even if that were true, with a decimated lineup — physically and emotionally — the Warriors may well struggle even to survive the regional.

And if the Warriors do advance to the Belleville West Sectional, a quartet of suspended wrestlers will be in no physical or mental shape to wage serious battle.

But beyond that, they don't deserve to come back. They flat-out don't deserve the right. They don't deserve to wear the red and black or to represent the community of Granite City in affairs of state. Good riddance.

Those I truly feel sorry for are the innocent seniors on the squad. Fifty-one automobile owners are not the only victims of last weekend's stupid spree. Chris Roberts, Adame Dunnavant, Matt Werner, John Kelly and Jonas Janek are also victims. For four years — longer, really — they have worked with all their heart, mind, soul and strength toward something that has eluded Granite City since 1965: a dual team state championship. But, now, they must watch their dream die, not because of any wrong they have done, but for wrong done by others, by teammates, by those who once shared the same dream, though without the passion and commitment. It's unfair. It's not right. But, it's the way things are.

And I feel sorry for Mike Garland.

Undoubtedly one of the best coaches in the nation, Garland has missed three legitimate shots at a state championship through no fault of his own.

In 1995, Garland's Warriors were easily the best team in the state — one of the premier squads in the nation. But when Chicago Mount Carmel took the Illinois High School Association to court in an attempt to reverse an IHSA decision barring the Caravan from the state finals because of rules infractions, the IHSA responded by canceling the dual team tournament.

Who came out the losers? Garland and the Granite City Warriors.

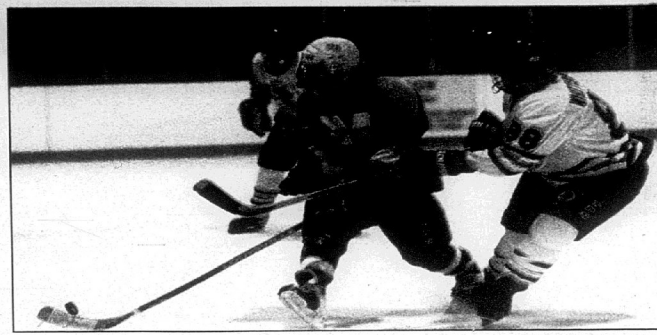
In 1996, Garland's matmen met weight at 11 p.m. on the eve of the state finals, but a handful of Warriors missed weight the next morning. Unless one can gain weight by sleeping, it must be assumed that a clandestine excursion to a fast-food restaurant was the culprit that night. The stupidity of a small minority cost GCHS a state title.

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Now add 1997 to the sad refrain.

On the verge of history — the program's national-record 1,000th all-time dual meet victory closer near — and with a strong shot at the state dual team championship later this month, a band of thoughtless thugs did more than allegedly vandalize cars. They vandalized the 1998 Granite City Warriors. They vandalized all of us.

And, in the process, they broke our hearts.



Granite's Vince Whittenburg (88) tries to take the puck from an opponent.

CBC, DeSmet, Chaminade grab top seeds

By Kip Christianson
Correspondent

PREP HOCKEY

To get an idea of the kind of year the St. Louis DuBourg Cavaliers had in their return to the Mid-States Club Hockey Association after a 10-year absence, take a look at the seedings for the Mid-States playoffs which begin today.

The teams in the Metro Division — into which DuBourg was placed — occupy the top three spots among the league's 42 teams. They also hold the sixth and 11th seeds for the Mid-States postseason tournament.

In 12 divisional games, the Cavaliers (2-18 overall; 0-12 in the Metro Division) were outscored 156-10.

CBC (15-1), DeSmet (18-2) and

Chaminade (13-5-1) — in order — hold the top three seeds in this year's playoffs. Fellow Catholic schools Vianney (13-6-1) is sixth and SLUH (9-8-2) is 11th. St. Mary's (5-11-2) and DuBourg will meet in a first-round game.

"As a matter of fact, I had St. Mary's a lot higher (in the coaches poll)," said CBC coach Rick Kennedy. "I guess you can be a little prejudiced toward your own division, but I think in our case, rightfully so."

CBC's only loss is to Chaminade. DeSmet's only losses are to CBC, Col.

lectively, the top five Metro teams were 32-4-2 in non-divisional games prior to Monday night.

According to seedings, the Suburban South Division was the second strongest overall, led by No. 1 seed Webster Groves (15-2-2) and No. 7 Kirkwood (13-4-3).

The Suburban West put three teams in the top 20: No. 9 Parkway South (11-8), No. 10 Marquette (11-7-1) and No. 20 Lafayette (8-12).

Francis Howell (14-3-3), the St. Charles County Division champ, received the No. 5 seed. Fort Zumwalt North (14-3-3) is No. 13, and surging Francis Howell North (8-7-3) is No. 14.

Hazelwood Central (13-6-1), the Suburban North Division champ, was the only team in its division in the top 16.

But Granite City drops decision to McCluer; playoffs approach

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The Granite City Warriors won two of three games against Mid-States Club Hockey Association competition the weekend of Jan. 23-26.

The wins improved the Warriors' overall record to 12-6-1. Dave Yurkovich's crew hosted St. Louis DeSmet in the regular season finale on Monday.

Granite City met Hazelwood West on Friday, Jan. 23. The Warriors had won the early season meeting 4-1.

Granite picked up where it had left off on Dec. 1, shocking West with two goals just 10 seconds apart in the game's first 1½ minutes.

Bryan Loftus found the net at 13:46 of the first period, turning feeds from Todd McQueen and Bobby Scott into a 1-0 Granite City lead.

At the 13:36 mark, Loftus again scored, off an assist from Scott, putting the Warriors in front 2-0.

Granite dominated the period, outshooting the home team 12-6 over the 15-minute stretch, but gave up a pair

PREP HOCKEY

(See HOCKEY, Page 4B)

Turkey calling among boat show highlights

By John J. Winkelman
Staff writer

The 44th annual version of the biggest of outdoors shows to visit St. Louis each year will offer 500,000 square feet of exhibits filling the entire America's Center and Trans World Dome.

More than 900 boats, hundreds of exhibits on fishing, outdoor gear, marine equipment, resorts, sports, games and speakers will entertain outdoors enthusiasts when the St. Louis Boat and Sports Show lands in downtown St. Louis, Feb. 10-15.

Among the attractions are a climbing wall, a laser shooting range, the Becky Thatcher trout pond for kids and a Bassmasters Kids Casting Contest.

"More than ever before the 1998 show is a real experience," said show manager Mark Adams. "We wanted to create the fun and family atmosphere that you find in outdoor activities, right here in America's Center

and Trans World Dome. You can look. You can learn. You can buy. You can climb. You can play. You can compete, or you can just sit in a boat and dream of a bright summer day. No matter who you are or what you do you are going to have fun."

One of the show's biggest events often goes unnoticed, according to organizers. The 1998 Mid-America Open Wild Turkey Calling and Owl Hooping Contest finals are scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday.

"It is amazing the people who go to the boat show and don't know this is going on," said Steve Stoltz, a championship caller himself who is organizing the event.

"You are going to have the very finest turkey callers in the United States," Stoltz said. "This is the second-largest contest in the United States. We draw the very best callers. This is a chance for a lot of people to see the biggest names in turkey calling compete."

Ricky Joe Bishop is expected to be

on hand to defend his title from last year's Mid-America Open. Don Shipp, the 1997 World Champion, is also expected to compete along with Walter Parrott.

The list of judges also includes names recognized as turkey calling experts. Ray Eye and Terry Drury are scheduled to be among the seven judges, Stoltz said.

Each caller will come up and be totally anonymous to the judges," Stoltz said. "They will be asked to perform approximately five specific calls."

The judges score each call on a scale of 1 through 20. All the scores are collected, and the highest and lowest judge tallies are discarded. The caller with the highest point total, collects the \$3,000 and a new Messberg shotgun.

"It's quite enjoyable and a learning experience," Stoltz said. "These are the very best callers. The best thing (the audience) can get out of it is good turkey rhythm, learning what

turkeys really sound like. You may not pick the winner but you can learn good proper turkey rhythm."

The contest is sponsored by the St. Louis Longwood chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Callers who would like to compete in the preliminary rounds for a chance to advance to the finals must call Steve Sykora for information at (314) 845-9934.

"Ray Eye will be giving turkey hunting seminar at 2 p.m.," Stoltz said. "It's turkey day at the boat show."

The show is open from 5-10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Feb. 10-12. Show hours are 12 noon to 10 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 13. On Valentine's Day, the show runs from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Doors are open Sunday, Feb. 15, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$2 for children ages 6-12. For show information call 567-0920.

Caravan pulls upset; state tourney nears

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

As the regular season came to a close for high school wrestling teams in Illinois, the big news outside of Granite City came from mid-state and Chicago.

After finishing second to nationally ranked New Lenox Providence in both the recent Catholic League meet and at the Geneseo Invitational, Chicago Mount Carmel proved the third time to be the proverbial charm, shocking the state's top-ranked squad 35-19 on Saturday.

For the first time on the season, Providence (23-2) had to play catch up in a match. The Celtics fell behind the Mount Carmel Caravan 6-0 before a technical fall win by Mark Warren (19 pounds) and a 3-0 win by Ryan Cumbee against Conor McClintock put the favored Celtics in front 8-6. Cumbee, 36-0, is the top-ranked 125-pounder in the state.

The Caravan (19-0), wrestling before a partisan home crowd in a packed gymnasium, regained the lead at 9-8 when John Casey (130) scored a take-down in overtime against Sean Chinski.

Providence eventually caught Mount Carmel 18-19, but the Caravan swept the final three weight classes to pull off the upset.

In other action closer to home, Bloomington captured the Big Twelve Conference Tournament for the third time in four years, topping Mattoon, Normal West, Normal Community and an assortment of also-rans.

Chatham Glenwood captured the Central State Eight Tournament title with Lincoln finishing second.

PREP WRESTLING

In the Litchfield Tournament, perennial small school power Vandalia easily handled the field, followed by Collinsville, Belleville, Althoff, Cumberland, Hillsboro, Harrisburg, Pontiac and the host school.

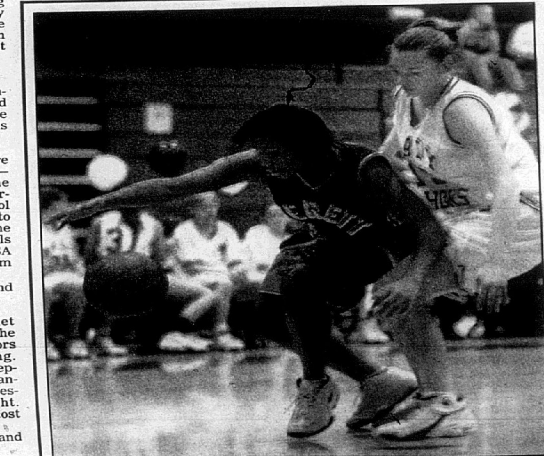
Assignments for the 1998 IHSA Class AA individual and dual team tournaments put Granite City in the Springfield Southeast Individual Sectional and in the Belleville West Team Sectional.

In Dual Meet Tournament pairings, Granite City finds itself in the bottom bracket and would wrestle the winner of the Oak Park-River Forest Sectional. Other sectionals in the lower bracket are Metamora (Urbana Rock Island, Decatur and Peoria regional winners) and Wheaton (Elgin, Glen Ellyn, Darien and Aurora regional winners).

Upper bracket sectional representatives are Skokie (Des Plaines, Rolling Meadows, Wheeling and Winnetka regional winners), New Lenox (Morris, Richton Park, New Lenox and Hillcrest regional winners), Rockford East (Machesney Park, Sycamore, Waukegan and Woodstock regional winners) and the Chicago Public League.

The Warriors will wrestle in the Cahokia Regional this Saturday, Feb. 7. Session One is at 10 a.m., Session Two is at 2 p.m. Other schools at Cahokia are the host Comanches, Alton, Bethalto Civic Memorial, East St. Louis Lincoln, East St. Louis Senior and Jerseyville.

(See WRESTLING, Page 3B)



JOHN SWISTAK JR. / Press-Record

Keep away

East St. Louis attempted to keep a victory away from Collinsville and its senior class last Friday night in a senior night basketball game at Collinsville. But the Kahoks rolled to a 63-27 victory in the Southwestern Conference Battle.

SPORTS

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of late goals to lose their early lead. West scored at 4:25 and again on a five-on-three power play with 1:33 left to knot the score at 2-2 after one period.

Scott picked up his third assist of the night at 2:20 of the second period, finding Harris in front of the net on a power play push. Harris beat the Hazelwood keeper and Granite City had a 3-2 lead.

There would be no more scoring, as the Warriors rode strong defense the rest of the way and a strong 30-13 shots on goal advantage to an impressive 3-2 victory.

"Their game came up a notch against us," said Yurkovich of West's performance. "They played together well as a team. Their defense took away our quality shots, but our kids responded well. I was proud of them."

Two nights later, the Warriors met McCluer, a team they had thumped 4-1 on Nov. 24. But the Comets were coming off a huge 4-2 upset of powerful Hazelwood Central and were taking dead-aim at Granite City.

Playing at North County, the Warriors fell behind early and never recovered. A pair of first period scores followed by a goal late in the second period put McCluer in front 3-0.

Harris finally put the Warriors on the board, taking a pass from Bobby Pritchard and beating the McCluer goalie stick-side.

"The momentum switched on that goal," Yurkovich said. "You could feel it, and you could sense where we were coming back. But, shortly thereafter, we took an unportsmanlike conduct penalty, a 2-minute penalty — and lost our chance to get back in the game. It was very disappointing."

McCluer added another score with 59 seconds to play in the game for a 4-1 win.

The Warriors rebounded on Monday night, Jan. 26, before a delighted "Senior Night" crowd at the Wilson Park Ice Rink.

Visiting Hazelwood East was no match for the Warriors, who received goals from three different players on their way to a 3-1 victory.

Pritchard scored on an unassisted goal with 16 seconds remaining in period one to give Granite City a 1-0 lead and a huge emotional lift.

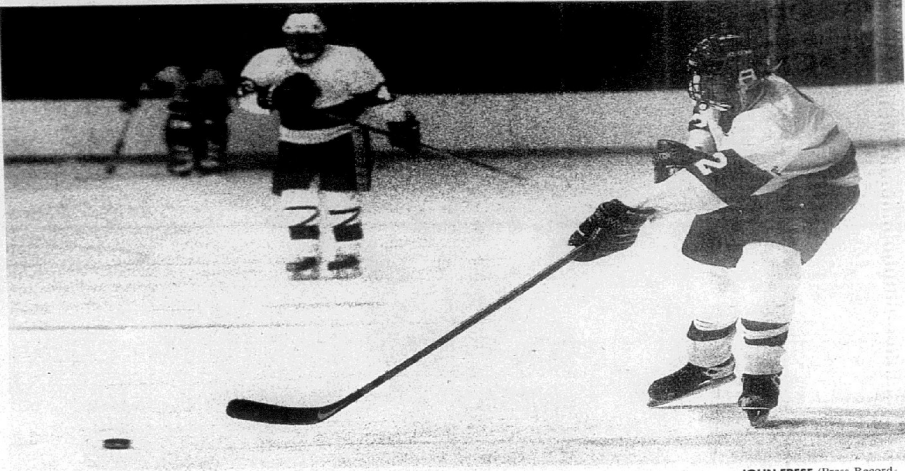
Pritchard stole the puck from an East winger, went in alone against two defenders, split them and, as he was falling to the ice, took a strong swipe at the puck which trickled past the keeper's glove into the goal.

At the 10:58 mark of the second period, Jon Burns scored an unassisted goal, upping the Granite City advantage to 2-0. But a Hazelwood East power play score cut the margin to one again with 2:12 to play in the period.

Ty Suhre picked up the game's last goal, turning a McQueen pass into quick goal and a 3-1 Warriors lead with 13:02 remaining in the game.

"We played well, but we were fortunate to win," said Yurkovich. "Hazelwood East hit the goal post three times in the third period. That's a little too close for comfort. Of course, we hit the post twice in the second period, so I guess that kind of stuff all evens out."

"I am very pleased with our overall performance and with our overall record. We have a couple of losses that we think should have been wins, but all-in-all, in a league as tough top-to-bottom as the Mid-States is, we have to be pleased with a 12-6-1 record."



Granite City's Greg Boyer (2) passes to a teammate in a recent game while Clayton Warren looks on. The Warriors were 12-6-1 with their final game of the regular season set for this past Monday.

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that were far off from the poll to the formula. I think we did a pretty good job of doing what was right."

If the seedings held true, the bracket would create quarterfinal matchups of

CBC vs. Hazelwood Central, DeSmet vs. Kirkwood, Chamblaine vs. Vianney (Vianney recently beat Chamblaine) and Webster Groves vs. Francis Howell.

Ultimately, the brackets could lead CBC and DeSmet back together for a fifth time this season in the Challenge Cup final, which is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. Feb. 24 at Kiel Center.

Including preseason games, CBC has a 3-1 edge over the defending champions.

"They're a tough team — offensively they're very strong," Kennedy said of DeSmet. "(But) we know that everybody takes pride in knocking off No. 1."

HOCKEY PLAYOFFS

Pairings for Rounds 1 and 2 of the Mid-States Club Hockey Association postseason tournament. Numbers in parentheses indicate team's seed. All times are p.m. and subject to change.

FIRST ROUND

(Single game elimination)
Feb. 5 — Parkway West (24) vs. Westminster (41) at Queeny Park, 9:30 a.m.

Feb. 6 — Hazelwood West (33) vs. Hazelwood East (32) at North County, 9:15; Ladue (25) vs. Wentzville (40) at Webster Groves, 11; Fort Zumwalt South (28) vs. McCluer North (37) at U.S. Ice, 11; St. Mary's (29) vs. DuBourg (36) at Affton, 8; Granite City (26) vs. Mary Institute/Country Day School (39) at Affton, 9:45; Mehlville (31) vs. St. Charles West (34) at South County, 9:30; Parkway North (30) vs. Affton (35) at South, 11.

First round sites and times for Rockwood Summit (23) vs. St. Charles (42), and Pattonville (27) vs. Whitfield (38) were not as of Monday.

SECOND ROUND

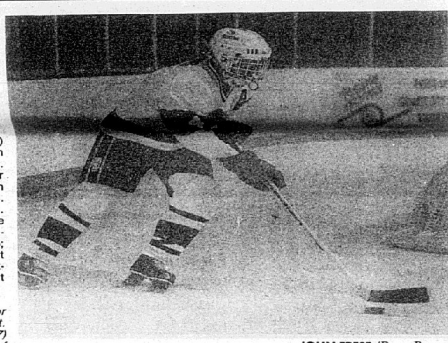
(Two-game series)
Feb. 9 — Parkway Central (21) vs. Clayton (12) at Queeny, 7:30; Lutheran South (15) vs. Lindbergh (18) at Webster, 8:30.

Feb. 7 — Hazelwood West-Hazelwood East winner vs. CBC (1) at Affton (time undetermined); Fox (16) vs. McCluer (17) at Webster, 9:15; Parkway West-Westminster winner vs. Parkway South (9) at Queeny, 8:15; Ladue-Wentzville winner vs. Hazelwood C. (8) at North, 9:30; Parkway Central vs. Clayton at Webster, 11; Fort Zumwalt South-McCluer winner vs. Francis Howell (5) at Rec Plex, 7:45; Fort Zumwalt N. (13) vs. Lafayette (20) at St. Peters Rec Plex, 9:30; Parkway North-Affton winner vs. Chamblaine (3) at Affton (time undetermined); Francis Howell North (14) vs. John Burroughs (19) at Rec Plex, 11:15; Pattonville-Whitfield winner vs. Vianney (8) at South, 9:15; SLUH (11) vs. Oakville (22) at Affton, 7:30 p.m.; Lutheran South vs. Lindbergh at South (time undetermined); Mehlville-St. Charles West winner vs. DeSmet (2) at Queeny, 2:30.

Feb. 8 — Fort Zumwalt North-Lafayette at U.S. Ice, (time undetermined); St. Mary's-DuBourg winner vs. Webster Groves (4) at Affton, 8:45; Parkway North-Affton winner vs. Chamblaine at Affton (time undetermined); Granite City-MCIDS winner vs. Kirkwood (7) at Queeny, 3:45.

Feb. 9 — Fox vs. McCluer at North, 9; Ladue-Wentzville winner vs. Hazelwood Central at North, 9; Fort Zumwalt South-McCluer North winner vs. Francis Howell at U.S. Ice (time undetermined); Summit-St. Charles winner vs. Marquette (10) at U.S. Ice, 7:15; SLUH vs. Oakville at South (time undetermined); Mehlville-St. Charles West winner vs. DeSmet at Queeny (time undetermined).

Feb. 10 — St. Mary's-DuBourg winner vs. Webster Groves at Webster, 7; Francis Howell North vs. John Burroughs at Webster, 8:45.



JOHN FRIESE/Press-Record

Bobby Harris of the Granite City Warriors controls the puck in a recent game. The Warriors, seeded 26th for the Mid-States playoffs, face 39th seed Mary Institute-Country Day School, 9:45 p.m. Friday at Affton.

Some games in second round (Hazelwood West-Hazelwood East winner vs. CBC; Parkway West-Westminster winner vs. Parkway South; Summit-St. Charles winner vs. Marquette; Pattonville-Whitfield winner vs. Vianney; Granite City-MCIDS winner vs. Kirkwood) not been scheduled as of Journal press time.

HOCKEY STANDINGS

Mid-States Club Hockey Association Standings									
(through Jan. 28)									
SUBURBAN CENTRAL					METHUEN				
Division					Division				
Team	W	L	T	Pts	Team	W	L	T	Pts
Clayton	9	1	2	20	15	2	2	0	36
Lutheran South	8	1	2	18	14	4	2	2	30
John Burroughs	7	1	4	18	10	4	5	2	23
Ladue	7	3	2	16	9	7	3	2	21
Whitfield	3	8	0	6	3	7	0	1	14
MCIDS	2	10	0	4	2	17	0	4	18
Westminster	1	11	0	2	16	1	5		
SUBURBAN SOUTH					SUBURBAN NORTH				
Division					Division				
Team	W	L	T	Pts	Team	W	L	T	Pts
Hazelwood Central	10	1	1	21	12	6	1	25	
Granite City	8	3	1	17	12	6	1	25	
McCluer	8	3	0	16	10	7	1	21	
Pattonville	5	4	2	12	8	7	3	19	
Hazelwood East	4	7	1	9	4	13	2	10	
Hazelwood West	1	8	2	4	5	11	2	12	
McCluer North	0	10	1	1	14	3	5		
ST. CHARLES					ST. CHARLES				
Division					Division				
Team	W	L	T	Pts	Team	W	L	T	Pts
Francis Howell	9	0	1	21	14	2	3	31	
Ft. Zumwalt N.	7	2	2	16	12	3	3	27	
Ft. Zumwalt S.	6	4	1	13	12	6	1	25	
Howell North	5	5	1	11	10	3	19		
St. Charles West	5	5	1	11	10	8	1	21	
Wentzville	2	9	0	4	3	15	0	6	
St. Charles	0	11	0	0	0	17	1	1	

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THE LAW AND YOU
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A case was decided in Illinois several years ago that had far reaching implications in the area of medical malpractice. This case involved a man who in 1974 contracted acute prostatitis. The illness manifested itself through severe pain in the groin area and the inability to urinate.

The person who contracted the prostatitis (the decedent) immediately contacted Paul Erickson, a Christian Science practitioner, who had provided the decedent with healing on several prior occasions. Erickson administered hot baths and Christian Science treatment. Erickson also "massaged and manipulated" decedent's prostate gland. Ruth Tanner, a Christian Science nurse, also assisted in rendering Christian Science healing.

The decedent's condition began to deteriorate. Medical doctors were never called in, and instead the Christian Science practitioners continued with the Christian Science healing techniques.

Eventually the patient died. At the time of his death, the decedent had been a wealthy inventor and industrialist. He was survived by his wife and two minor children. His wife initiated a wrongful death action against the Christian Science Church. His wife, as executor of his estate, alleged that Erickson and Tanner were under a legal duty to comply with the standards of diagnosis and care that are imposed upon members of the medical profession even though they were Christian Science practitioners.

The Appellate Court in this case eventually ruled that there was a distinction between medical treatment and spiritual. Erickson and Tanner did not hold themselves out as medical practitioners nor did the decedent expect or ask them to render medical treatment.

The court noted that followers of Christian Science do not use medical aid to treat illness, but instead rely solely upon spiritual means. Decedent specifically requested Christian Science treatment when he became ill and could not have reasonably expected anything other than spiritual healing from Tanner and Erickson. Furthermore, the court noted that there has been a long standing reluctance on the part of our courts to adjudicate religious disputes. Illinois courts generally will not get involved in a case involving the interpretation of religious doctrine. For all of the foregoing reasons, the executor's complaint against the Christian Science Church was dismissed.

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OBITUARIES

Madlyn Marcus
MADLYN (BARKER) MARCUS, 81, of Charlottesville, Va., died on Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1998, at Eldercare Gardens in Charlottesville, Va.
Mrs. Marcus was born on March 1, 1916, in Frankfort, Ky. She had been a homemaker.
Survivors include two children, Marion Marcus of Charlottesville, Va., Ronald Marcus of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; one sister, Elois Downey of Frankfort, Ky.; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.
She is preceded by her husband Everett Marcus.
Services will be 10 a.m., Friday, Feb. 6, at Jefferson Barracks Cemetery.
Thomas Mortuaries Ltd. made the arrangements.

Annie Hays
ANNIE ELIZABETH HAYS, 61, of Highland, formerly of Granite City, died Sunday, Feb. 1, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She was born Jan. 4, 1937, in Madison.
Mrs. Hays was a data entry specialist with Trans State Airlines. She was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Highland and a benefactor for the Boys Town of Missouri, Marine Corps Toys for Tots and St. Jude's Catholic Charities.
Survivors include one son, Jimmy of Highland; three sisters, Wilma Tindall, Anita Dean and Gerry Pieper-Ogle, all of Granite City; and three brothers, Roy Jr. of Columbus, Ohio, David of Madison and Harold of Granite City.
She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy E. and Wilma (Fay) Hays.
Services will be at 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. David Peters officiating. Burial is in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Tony Romanic
TONY S. ROMANIC, 87, of Matteson, died Monday, Feb. 2, 1998, at Sara Busch Lincoln Hospital in Matteson. He was born March 18, 1910, in East St. Louis.
Mr. Romanic was a former employee with the East St. Louis Street Department and a member of

the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 493.
Survivors include one daughter, Elizabeth Romanic of Matteson, formerly of Granite City; one daughter, Margaret L. Kenley of Matteson, formerly of Troy; four grandchildren, Kimberly, Kenley-Kashbrook, of Urbana, and Christopher, Christina and Chelsie Romanic of Matteson; three sisters, Julia Dombrowsky of Granite City, and Anna Ryan and Catherine Nadziejko, both of Collinsville, and a number of nieces and nephews.
He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary C. (Reistis) Romanic, his parents, Stephen and Mary (Waltery) Romanic; four brothers, Steve, John, Joseph and Charles; and five siblings in infancy.
Services will be at 2 p.m. today, Feb. 5, at John Barnes Funeral Home, 8501 W. Main, with the Rev. Bernard Voss officiating. Burial will be in Mount Carmel Cemetery in Belleville.
He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary C. (Reistis) Romanic, his parents, Stephen and Mary (Waltery) Romanic; four brothers, Steve, John, Joseph and Charles; and five siblings in infancy.

Walter Stewart
WALTER STEWART of Pontoon Beach died Saturday, Jan. 31, 1998, at Christian Northeast Hospital in St. Louis.
Mr. Stewart served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He also fought in the Battle of the Coral Sea and was re-enlisted during the Korean War. He was a member of the Pontoon Baptist Church and the USS Hancock Association CV-19.
Survivors include his wife, Rose Young-Stewart; four daughters, Suzanne Zambelli of Bergamo, Italy, and Sharon Guthrie, Cathy Stewart and Lisa Stewart, all of Boston; and four sons, Walter Stewart and Joseph Stewart, all of Boston.
He was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin and Maude (Jones) Stewart; three sisters, Alice Stewart, Helen Stewart and Nancy Stewart; and five brothers, George, James, Benjamin, Clarence and

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Flossie Bono
FLOSSIE EMMA (CLARK) BONO, 90, of Granite City died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1998, at Colonial Care Center in Granite City. She was born Jan. 16, 1908, in Montgomery County, Md.
Services were Thursday, Jan. 29, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Allen Reiter officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hills Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.
Memorials can be made to St. John United Church of Christ.

Juanita Crowley
JUANITA M. (DOTT) CRAWLEY, 70, of Granite City died at 2 p.m. Jan. 29, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She was born April 23, 1927, in Granite City to Dale and Lilly Mae (Perkins) Doty.
Services were Friday, Jan. 30, at Werner Chapel in the Rev. Bill Davidson officiating. Burial followed at Sunset Hills Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Bonnie Guerdon
BONNIE MARIE (FOGLE) GUERDON, 74, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Granite City, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1998, at Mount Carmel Hospital East in Columbus. She was handled by Shoedegans Funeral Home in Columbus.

Annie Hays
ANNIE ELIZABETH HAYS, 81, of Highland, formerly of Granite City, died Sunday, Feb. 1, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She was born Jan. 4, 1937, in Madison.
Services were Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. David Peters officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Rita Marie Jett
RYTA MARIE (FLEMING) JETT, 54, of Collinsville died at 4:30 a.m. Jan. 31, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in

Maryville. She was born on Sept. 10, 1943, in East St. Louis.
Services were Tuesday, Feb. 3, at Herbert A. Kassy Funeral Home in Collinsville with the Rev. Ronald Habermehl officiating. Services concluded at St. John Cemetery in Collinsville.
Memorials may be made to the family.

Nettie Koehler
NETTIE M. (PINNON) KOEHLER, 74, of Granite City, died at 8:23 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. Services were Tuesday, Feb. 3, at Holy Family Catholic Church with the Rev. Bill Fishbein officiating. Interment followed at Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Edward C. Lenzi
EDWARD C. LENZI, 63, of Granite City died Sunday, Feb. 1, 1998, at Granite City Medical Center. He was born Aug. 14, 1934, in Superior, Wis.

Services were Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City with the Rev. Bill Fishbein officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Robert Marshall
ROBERT W. MARSHALL, 36, of Long Beach, Calif., died at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 31, 1998, at Long Beach (Calif.) Community Hospital.
A memorial service was held Sunday, Feb. 1, at his mother's home in Granite City. Burial will be in Rocky Ridge, Mo.

Mary Parker
MARY (MERZ) OGLE PARKER, 87, of Buffalo Grove, Ill., died Saturday, Jan. 31, 1998, at Manor Care Nursing Home in Rolling Meadows, Ill.
Services were Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City with the Rev. Allen Reiter officiating. Burial was at the National Cemetery at the Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis.

Chapel.
Memorials may be made to the Make a Wish Foundation or in the form of a cash donation.

Daisy Pick
DAISY O. PICK, 103, of Maryville died at 12:10 p.m. Jan. 31, 1998, at Maryville Manor Nursing Home.
There were no services. The body was donated to Washington University School of Medicine for medical study. Laughlin Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Ernest M. Sendeljes
ERNEST M. SENDELJES, 42, of Collinsville died Friday, Jan. 30, 1998, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville. He was born Oct. 28, 1955, in Glen Carbon.
Services were Monday, Feb. 2, at Herbert A. Kassy Funeral Home Ltd. in Collinsville with the Rev. David Stenfeldt officiating. Burial was in St. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery in Collinsville.
Memorials may be made to St. John Evangelical United Church of Christ or the donor's choice.

Thomas Smith Sr.
THOMAS A. SMITH SR., 66, of Granite City died Sunday, Feb. 1, 1998, at Christian Northeast Hospital in St. Louis. He was born Aug. 4, 1931, in London, Ky.
Funeral services are pending at Bouring Funeral Home in London, Ky.
Memorials may be made to the Shriner's Hospital.

Walter Stewart
WALTER STEWART of Pontoon Beach died Saturday, Jan. 31, 1998, at Christian Northeast Hospital in St. Louis.
Services were Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Werner Chapel with the Rev. Carl Watkins and the Rev. Alan Redfern officiating. Burial was at the National Cemetery at the Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis.

Eleanor Tensign
ELANORE CLARICE (SYERS) TENSIGN, 79, of Caseyville died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1998, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville. She was born March 2, 1918, in Venice, Calif.
Services were Monday, Feb. 2, at Werner Chapel. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery in Granite City.

David Votravn
DAVID MICHAEL VOTRAVN, 47, died at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, 1998, in Norton Hospital, Louisville, Ky.

Services were Friday, Jan. 30, at First Baptist Church of Edwardsville with the Rev. J. R. Helges officiating. Burial was in Buck Road Cemetery, Collinsville.
Memorials may be given to the First Baptist Church of Edwardsville.
Weber Funeral Home, 304 W. Main, Edwardsville handled arrangements.

Opal Wallace
OPAL J. (JESSA) WALLACE, 70, of Granite City died Saturday, Jan. 31, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She was born Feb. 12, 1927, in Granite City.
Services were Tuesday, Feb. 3, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Archie Strong officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Mary Zumer
MARY E. (DERNER) ZUMER, of Fairview Heights, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 1998, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville.
Services were Thursday, Jan. 29, at Chapel Funeral Home in Fairview Heights. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Mausoleum, Fairview Heights.
Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, St. Louis Unit, or C.S.A. Scholarship Fund.

Bosley kicks off Black History Month

Special to the Journal
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the university's Black History Month theme of "Shaping the Economic, Political, Educational and Cultural Agenda for the Next Millennium."
That's a big task. That's a great task, said an enthusiastic Bosley. "But how do you go about it? There are some things that happened in the late 1800s and 1900s that have caused the country to really be divided along racial lines. There's a tendency on behalf of the country, the community, the state, the nation, to really want to discuss these issues."
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said that the ultimate measure of a man is not what he or she does in a time of comfort and convenience, but what he or she does in a time of challenge and controversy. That's the time that we live in now in America, friends, are not easy times.
The economy is OK. Unemployment is low, but it's still extremely high in the African American community. What are you going to do about that? How are you going to be

able to bring about change? What's going to be your role and commitment to this community or wherever you go?" Bosley asked.
He told the crowd, especially the students, that hard work breeds success. From his experience, he said, too many young black people, especially males, think it's the job of older black people to give handouts in the employment world.
"There are no shortcuts. There are times when young African-Americans think that older African-Americans are here to give them an opportunity. You can only get what you work for, and then you also have to try to be the best," Bosley said.
When these same young people asked the former mayor for a job in the St. Louis city government job and he turned them down because of their lack of qualifications, they would tell Bosley, "Well, you really don't have any power."
Bosley would retort by showing off his PhD — what he refers to as his "Player Hat-

ers' Degree."
Among his other accomplishments as mayor were: arranging a deal to bring a bankrupted World War II Airlines headquarters to St. Louis, along with 1,000 jobs; assisting the City of St. Louis in raising \$66 million in restoration funds for Forest Park; and appointing more minorities and women to cabinet-level positions, boards and commissions than ever before.
He currently is a counsel to Calverton and Singleton. He is also a member of the American Bar Association and the National Lawyers Guild. He lives in north St. Louis with his wife, Carolyn, and daughter, Sydney.
SUE awarded framed Black History Month posters to both Bosley and Father Maurice Joseph Nutt, a pastor at Saint Alphonsus "Rock" Church in St. Louis, who offered inspirational comments before and after the luncheon. Father Nutt performed African-American dances after Bosley's speech.
— From the Telegraph

How to submit articles

Items for the family pages, which include clubs, churches, scouts, and social events, may be directed to the Press-Record/Journal at 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, Ill. 62040.
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Mercantile to take over Central Bank

By Paul Mackie
Telegraph staff writer
Mercantile Bancorporation Inc., a St. Louis-based bank holding company with assets of \$30 billion, announced plans Monday to merge with Firstbank of Illinois.
The mega-merger will include a Mercantile takeover of Central Bank, 3601 S. Highway 150.
"Firstbank owns Central Bank, which never took the Firstbank name," said Lisa Rainbolt, a Mercantile spokeswoman.
Firstbank is a \$2.2 billion multi-bank holding company headquartered in Springfield. It operates 48 offices across 13

banking markets — 11 in Illinois and two in Missouri.
Rainbolt said the merger officially was closed early in the third quarter. July, August and September — of this year. The sign at the St. Louis Mercantile either later this year or early in 1999.
The merger will see very few changes in operations. We don't expect to lay off any employees," she added.
The merger with Firstbank will strengthen significantly Mercantile's presence in Illinois, moving the bank from the third to the No. 1 position in "outstate Illinois," which excludes the nine counties that comprise the Chicago market.
In the Metro East community, Mercantile will improve its position in Belleville, Glen Car-

bon, Granite City and Collinsville. It will enter the Highland, O'Fallon and Fairview Heights markets.
"From our perspective, we see this as an opportunity to build a very strong bank with a corporate philosophy that's similar to ours," Rainbolt said.
There will be local decision-making and community banking. We'll provide the best possible service for our customers and our shareholders," she added.
Based on Mercantile's closing stock price of \$50.50 on Jan. 30, the transaction is valued at approximately \$607 million. Firstbank shareholders will receive 8308 shares of Mercantile common stock for each share of Firstbank common stock.

The merger is structured as a tax-free exchange and will be accounted for as a pooling of interests. As part of its agreement with Firstbank, Mercantile granted Mercantile an option to acquire 19.9 percent of its issued and outstanding common stock, exercisable under certain circumstances.
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Shindle draws inspiration from stricken friend

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer
While a student at Northwestern University, a member of Kate Shindle's theater group died of AIDS. Later, a family

member was diagnosed as being HIV-positive.
As a result, Shindle was driven to volunteer with the AIDS Memorial Quilt, a project of those infected at local AIDS organizations.

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When she was crowned Miss America last year, Shindle, 21, of Evanston, Ill., began a nationwide speaking tour as an advocate of HIV/AIDS prevention. On Monday, she stopped at Belleville Area College, making her first national speaking tour stop in southern Illinois.
About 100 high school students from throughout the metropolitan area were invited to listen to Shindle, along with parents and educators. The event was sponsored by Bethany Place, a not-for-profit AIDS service organization in Belleville.
Shindle's message was clear: education and responsibility are the keys to preventing AIDS.
"I'm asking you to take

responsibility for the way you live your lives. You need to make educated choices on what your life means to you and Shindle said to the audience members. "You literally have your life in your hands."
Shindle is a national advocate of HIV/AIDS prevention. Shindle travels about 20,000 miles a month, visiting a different city every other day. Her past involvement with HIV/AIDS efforts includes volunteering with Chicago's Test Positive Aware Network, the NAMES project, the Center for AIDS Services, and several hospices.
The most common ways in which the virus is spread are through unprotected sexual intercourse and the sharing of hypodermic needles, Shindle said. Each day, 8,500 new infections are diagnosed and the number of women and minorities being affected by the disease are skyrocketing, Shindle said. Every hour of every day, two teens contract the disease, she said.

FAMILY

WEDDINGS



Erin and Richard Mayer

Rotter — Mayer

Erin Marie Rotter and Richard Lawrence Mayer were married Sept. 19, 1996, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City by the Rev. Francis Tebanura.

The bride is the daughter of R. William and Mary Rotter of Granite City. A graduate of Bradley University, she is employed by West Coast Industries in Tacoma, Wash.

The groom is the son of Lawrence and Chris Mayer of Tacoma, Wash. He is also a graduate of Bradley University.

Rachel Newcomb attended her friend as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Vikki Killips, Laura Rotter, Stephanie Meyer and Mary Kilkelly.

John Killips stood with his friend as best man. Groomsman were Michael Rotte, Michael Parkey and John Gaul.

Following a reception at the Holiday Inn in Collinsville, the couple took a honeymoon cruise in the Caribbean and now reside in Tacoma, Wash.

Friends of Library honors former president, treasurer

The Friends of the Library held their meeting Jan. 21, at the branch library with President Jean Hileman presiding.

There were 20 members present.

The Carol Franklin Memorial Committee of Ann Scott, Carol Braundmerie and Joan Roberts reported plans to purchase a new globe at the main library in memory of Carol Franklin, a charter member, past president and treasurer of the Friends.

President Kathy Antoff of the library board reported the branch library reading room will be named the Carol Franklin Reading Room.

President Hileman thanked the members for decorating the branch and main libraries at Christmas and announced they will assist at the book signing by Pulitzer Prize winner Robert Bader on Saturday at the branch library from 2 to 4 p.m., promoting his latest novel "The Big Green Sea."

Greg McGee, branch librarian, informed the members of a new electronic database capable of researching books, papers and articles throughout 40 libraries with over 500,000 volumes.

President Jean Hileman announced the annual book sale will be June 5-6 and membership is now due for next year.

This is the main support for the group that helps finance the children's summer reading program. New book shelving was purchased for the libraries enabling easier access for books.

Each year the Friends uses its book-sale profits to benefit the libraries and their readers.

The next meeting will be March 18 at the branch library.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses recently were issued through the office of Madison County Clerk Mark Von Nide:

Larry Ray Raymer and Mandy Rochelle Bonvicino, both of Belleville.

David Leroy Todd of Collinsville and Linda Moseley Berry of Wentzville, Mo.

Philippe John Welsh and Beth Marie Lee, both of Collinsville.

Albert Lee Ziegler and Deborah Ray McFarland, both of Granite City.

James Karl Blackston and Barbara Louise Smith, both of Granite City.

Bruce Elwin Campbell and Montique Evette Finney, both of Collinsville.

Steven John Dittich and Jani Marie Dant, both of Granite City.

Cuauhtemoc Tebandon Gabriel and Glenda Marie Malzynski, both of Granite City.

Tony Lynn Holt and Winifred June Pieper, both of Granite City.

Dritan Tonya Sol of St. Louis and Mary Belle Conception of Granite City.

Mark Allen Van Den Bossche and Lisa Ruching Christian, both of Edwardsville.

Ronald George Cannon Jr. and Tracy Lynn Ahning, both of Edwardsville.

Larry Allen Master of Springfield and Donna Lynn January, both of Edwardsville.

James Morrisson and Amy Jane Morrisson, both of Granite City.

Kevin Poole and Diane Kay Miller, both of Edwardsville.

Samuel Proleau Sheppard and Vivian Louisa Smith of Troy.

Gary Lloyd Smith of Edwardsville and Linda Jeanne Harner of Alton.

Herold Steven Smith of High Ridge, Mo., and Ginger Lynn Schofield of Granite City.

Jerry Lynn Tipton and Rebecca Lynn Wilson, both of Granite City.

MILITARY

Marine Lance Cpl. JOSHUA M. KEE, son of Jeffery W. Kee of Granite City, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan.

Kee was promoted based on outstanding superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty. He joined the Marine Corps in August 1997.



Jacquelyn F. Hale

Hale is the daughter of Patricia J. Hale of Pontoon Beach, and stepdaughter of Teresa K. Hale of Granite City.

Navy Seaman Recruit JASON L. WILSON, son of Richard L. and Loretta J. Wilson of Granite City, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. He is a 1996 graduate of Granite City Senior High School.

THOMAS L. MARSH JR. has joined the U.S. Army under the delayed entry program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Granite City.

Marsh, a 1997 graduate of Granite City High School, will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training Feb. 3.

Pamela S. Marsh of Granite City is the sister of Thomas L. Marsh.

Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class ANGELO K. MARKOVICH has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force in San Antonio, Texas. The airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations.

Markovich is the daughter of Diana L. Markovich and Karl M. Markovich, both of Granite City.

Eagles throw party for president

At the Jan. 13 meeting of the Eagles Auxiliary, President Mildred Boyd was honored with a birthday dinner.

She was presented with gifts from members of the auxiliary. A birthday cake was served after dinner.

After the birthday party the regular meeting was held by the president. A letter and a no-goose-egg sticker for November was received from Grand Aerobics.

Thank you letters from Kelly Hogan for our donation and also for our donation the Salvation Army. A Christmas card from Norway from past president Ruth Jorgensen was also ready.

Millie Weatherford reported on Vera Johnson's condition. Vera suffered a stroke and is now in a nursing home in Belleville.

Nina Jackson reported on Carol Miller's condition. Carol is back in the hospital. She is suffering with terminal cancer.

Motion was made and seconded that a donation of \$875.00 will be presented at the State Officers' weekend for the Eagle Education fund.

Baptist men have special day

Jan. 25 was "Baptist Men's Day" at Pontoon Baptist Church. The theme was "Worship the King," was led by Gus Falter, followed by the welcome to guest and announcements.

Responsive reading was led by Harold McBride, followed by prayer. He also explained what the Baptist Man of the Year Award is and why it is presented. He then presented the award to Harlon Luffman.

Falter led the congregation in singing "Rock of Ages; Great is Thy Faithfulness and Grace Greater than Our Sin."

The singing was accompanied by Rev. Alan Redfern at the piano.

The Young Guys of the church served as ushers. Robert Clyburn gave Missionary Moments and Glenn Falter presented the Children's Sermon. Harlon Luffman played a musical special on the piano.

A Reader's Theatre, "Falling From Grace" was presented by Rev. Redfern, assisted by Mike Dunnivant, (Abraham), Clint Potter, (Simon Peter), and

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Marshall Bickel, (Moses) and Ken Coley, (King David).

Following the special service, a soup luncheon, prepared by the men, (with a little help) was served. Tom Schumaker won first prize for his pot of soup and runners-up were Alan Redfern, Clint Potter, Mike Davis, Earl White Paul Stayduhar, seventeen pots of different kinds of soup and chilies were served.

The Bunzlub held their January meeting in home of Vicki Royce. Club members attending were Robbie Wilson, Melodey, Bettis, Carolyn Whitehead, Margaret Buske, Kathy Feldt, Cindy Naughton and Autumn Vincent. The next meeting will be at Linda Arnold's.

The Homemakers class of the Calvary Baptist Church met Tuesday evening in the church library. The devotional was given by the president,

Betty Gerdes. A silent auction was held with proceeds going to missions. Members attending were Maxine Green, Carrie Lapardus, Carolyn Collier, Kay Anderson, Tina Lyons, Marge Borsh, Louise Sullivan, Cheryl Clyman, Emily Hagopian and Paula Linville.

After the meeting, pizza was served. The next meeting will be in the home of Carrie Lapardus.

The Pontoon Beach Senior Citizen regular meeting on Tuesday began with the Pledges of Allegiance. The secretary, treasury and kitchen reports were given, with president Earl Edmiston presiding.

Members will be selling raffle tickets (three for \$1) on the alphan donated by Irvin. The drawing will be just before Easter. Nominations were made for new officers. Nominated for president, Earl Edmiston; vice president, Everett Hudson; secretary, Ruth Dagon and treasurer, Jim Hill.

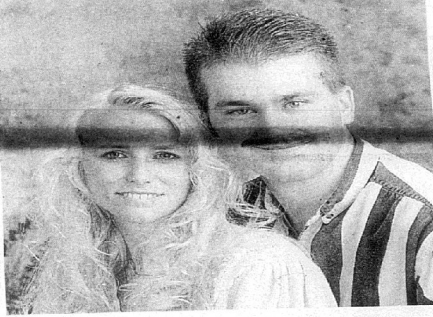
Board members nominated

were Robbie Wilson, Irene Karlechik, Edna Bennett, Marge Wuchbles, Alice Hudson, Walt Crowell, Janet Martin, Rose Edmiston and Betty McGennis. All of these will be voted on during the Feb. 17 meeting. Refreshments were served and entertainment was by Chris Krause.

The Ruth Class of the Calvary Baptist Church met on Jan. 6 in the home of Norma Ross. Prayer requests were taken and Phyllis Knight led in the prayer. A devotional, "Enjoy Your Bible," on various Bible verses was given by Eileen Budgett.

Secretary, treasurer and cheer chairperson reports were made and approved. Reports were made on family help at Christmas and the band that entertained. A poinsettia was sent to the class teacher, (the late Pauline Weir), who was in the nursing home at that time.

They also voted to donate money for vegetables for the church pantry.



Sandy Cummings and Jeff Jones

Cummings — Jones

Sandy Cummings, the daughter of Tim and Rose Cummings of Edwardsville, and Jeff Jones, the son of Melvin and Linda Jones of Edwardsville, have announced their engagement.

Cummings, of Glen Carbon, is a graduate of Granite City High School. She is employed as a receptionist by Washington University in St. Louis.

Jones is a graduate of Triad High School in St. Jacob and of Belleville Area College. He is employed by Butler Supply in Edwardsville as a salesman.

They plan to marry May 16, at Bethel Baptist Church in Troy.

\$500 up for grabs in poetry contest

Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum is offering a grand prize of \$500 in its new Awards of Poetic Excellence poetry contest.

Thirty-four cash awards are also being offered in the contest. The contest is free to enter and open to everyone.

"Although we encourage poets to purchase an anthology to ensure publication, there is no obligation of any kind in order to be a contest winner," said Jerome Welch, publisher.

Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or fewer, on any subject, in any style. The contest closes March 31, but poets are encouraged to send their work as soon as possible. Poems should be mailed to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Dept. CF, 609 Main St., P.O. Box 193, Sistersville, W.V., 26175, or at the Sparrowgrass web site or by e-mail at <http://www.tinplace.com/sparrow> or Sistersv@aol.com

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Troy Scouts winners in Klondike Derby

It wasn't the Great White North, they had no sled dogs — or even snow, but for the 600 or so Boy Scouts participating in the annual Klondike Derby Saturday at Camp Warren Levis in Godfrey, there was still plenty to do.

From pulling a 75-100 pound sled up a steep incline using a block and tackle to archery and first aid, the boys got a chance to practice all of the traditional scouting skills.

Sponsored by the Cahokia Mounds District, Trails West Council, the 8th Annual Klondike Derby centers around a sled that scout troops must take everywhere they go.

"We have 10 different 'cities' our boys are going to, and they have to do certain tasks in each of those cities to earn points," said Debbie Dust, who along with her husband Bill,

Activities include a bosun's chair, first aid, log cutting, rifle shooting, archery, pioneering, wilderness survival, and cooking.

"We have a little taste of everything the boys do in their everyday scouting life," she said.

Winners were: First place — Troop 38 of Troy; second place — Troop 13 of Granite City; third place — Troop 778 of Cottage Hills; fourth place — Troop 91, Staunton; fifth place

fourth place — Troop 91, Staunton; fifth place — Troop 43 of Highland; sixth place — Troop 36 of Edwardsville; and seventh place — Troop 40 of Highland.

NEWS

Program pays off for cooking students

Eight months. Two hundred and fifty days. Six thousand hours. It's a long time, no matter how you slice it. But it's a period of time that future graduates of Belleville Area College's Hospitality/Food Service Management Program won't have to invest in apprenticeship training to become certified cooks.

Because of a five-year accreditation earned by the college's H/FSM program, graduates automatically will be certified as cooks, the first rung on the ladder toward earning the rank of chef.

BAC officials recently learned of the accreditation by the American Culinary Federation Education Institute, said Mike Hayes, H/FSM Program Coordinator.

The ACF, established in 1929, is recognized as the world's top accrediting organization for hospitality schools.

Those who graduate from programs not accredited by the ACF must complete six thousand hours of apprenticeship before they can be certified as a cook, Hayes said.

"This full, unrestricted accreditation by the American Culinary Federation underscores the fact that we are providing quality instruction in our Hospitality and Food Service Management program," said Dr. Lynn Suvdam, BAC's vice president for instruction.

The accreditation process began in March 1997 when Hayes made his initial request for accreditation to the ACF. The ACF subsequently determined that BAC was a worthy candidate and scheduled an on-site visit. Before the visit, Hayes and his staff had to complete a self-study of the program.

"Completing the self-study was probably the most gruel-

ing process," Hayes said. "Documentation is crucial. You can't just say, 'yes, we do baking.' They have to observe classes, they look at transcripts of graduates, they look at where graduates are now working."

In September, the ACF on-site team, consisting of two chefs and a dietician, spent three days at the college's Belleville and Granite City campuses, observing classes and examining the program curriculum, Hayes said.

After the on-site visit, Hayes submitted his final report to the ACF, which was favorably reviewed.

As the H/FSM program coordinator, Hayes could take credit for the program's success. But he said he realizes the program would not have attained the level of respect it has without the presence of world-renowned Chef Ollie

Sommer on his faculty.

"The key element to this whole accreditation is having a chef of his credentials," Hayes said. "The ACF on-site team had not met Chef Ollie but were certainly aware of his credentials."

Sommer spent almost 20 years as a corporate chef before becoming a BAC instructor in 1992. In fact, the ACF honored him in 1997 with its prestigious Rene Roncari Senior Chef Humanitarian Award.

Hayes has received his own accolades, being certified as a Foodservice Management Professional by the Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association.

Also, because of BAC's accreditation, Hayes will be on the next ACF accreditation team that goes on an on-site visit.



5 generations — The family of Bernice and the late Rev. Harry W. Chronister Sr. recently gathered in Granite City. The Chronisters are from Van Buren, Mo., formerly of Granite City. Pictured are: Bernice Chronister, great-great-grandmother; Carolyn Mifflin, great-grandmother; Tammie Jones, grandmother; Melissa Robertson, mother; and Tiffany Robertson, 20 months old. All pictured are from Granite City, except Mrs. Chronister.

Missouri judge rules casinos can stay in moats

By M.J. Trask
Staff writer

Casinos in Maryland Heights and elsewhere in Missouri have received a reprieve from Cole County Circuit Judge Byron L. Kinder.

The judge on Thursday ruled that the state's procedures for disciplining casinos in artificial basins, or moats, not directly in either the Missouri or Mississippi rivers.

The Missouri Gaming Commission has been threatening the gaming license of companies that operate floating casinos in artificial basins, or moats, not directly in either the Missouri or Mississippi rivers.

A Missouri Supreme Court ruling late last year questioned the constitutionality of such operations, such as those in Maryland Heights.

On Thursday, Kinder ruled that the state's disciplinary regulations denied due process.

The judge ruled the disciplinary proceedings "fail to comport with the due process requirements of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution."

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Vern Jennings
Harrah's

States Constitution and with Article 1, Section 10 of the Missouri Constitution insofar as they shifted the burden of proof from the commission to the licensee without requiring the licensee to first come forward with evidence sufficient to show the law is being broken.

The ruling affects not only Harrah's and Players' casinos in Maryland Heights, but also several gambling enterprises in the western part of the state.

However, soon after Kinder's ruling, state Attorney General Jay Nixon went to the Missouri Supreme Court to try to get

that decision overturned. Nevertheless, an executive at Harrah's St. Louis Riverport was pleased with what transpired Thursday.

"As we've stated all along, Harrah's received all necessary approvals prior to opening and has been operating within complete compliance of the laws," said Vern Jennings, senior vice president and general manager at Harrah's.

Harrah's will pursue any and all necessary steps to protect our investment and employees to ensure we operate for many years to come in St. Louis."

Still, casino employees in

Riverport are worried about what may eventually happen, said Cori Segler, marketing manager for Players Island Casino.

"Everybody's pretty upset about it," Segler said during an interview Friday.

"They don't understand they (state gaming officials) let us open... and now we risk losing our license."

Segler, of St. Charles, said that she and other casino workers believe the ongoing court battle is more a fight between the anti-gambling and pro-gambling forces. In the state than about the legality of floating casinos in moats.

"I don't think it has anything to do with the moat or the river," she said.

Segler said she didn't understand the gaming commission's change in attitude.

"If they say it's illegal, why did they give us the license in the first place?" she asked.

Even if her employer shuts down, gambling will still continue, she said, mentioning the St. Charles Riverfront Station casino.

Not surprisingly, patrons don't want to see the casinos shut down, Segler said.

"They've all asked what they can do to help," she said.

Dart leagues flourish from small beginnings

By Karen Martin
Correspondent

Bud Light Darts of Caseyville is a family business.

Jeannette Horvath, owner, and her two daughters, Jennifer and Melissa, manage the business.

The Bud Light Dart League, sponsored by Anheuser Busch, has offices at the shop. The league is part of the American Darters Association.

Bud Light Darts, 13 S. Main, first opened its doors seven years ago with only four teams. Jennifer Horvath, president and league operator, said

she now has 120 teams, involving about 800 people.

The game of darts was invented when someone sawed off part of the base of an old tree trunk and used it as a target. The game slowly developed into a gentleman's sport, Jeannette Horvath said. But, not anymore, she said.

"The game of darts is a great social equalizer," she said. "Because darts does not require strength or agility, only hand-eye coordination, men and women can compete on an equal basis."

Horvath, who does all the scheduling, does not tolerate

unprofessional behavior from participants. A complaint against a player can result in a lifetime ban. "The etiquette on the team is a number one concern for us," she said.

Because of its emphasis on sportsmanship and her innovative program for a no-handicap league, Horvath and her sister, Melissa, who is vice president, were recognized as League Operator of the Year for 1997 by Bud Light Darts.

There are 40 other Bud Light Darts franchises.

The shop handles teams in St. Clair, Madison and Monroe counties.

Eagles sponsor Pack 15 Pinewood Derby

Eagles Aerie 1126 sponsored the Annual Pack #15 Pinewood Derby, held Jan. 11 at the Eagles Hall.

Cub Master Richard Waltermann of Pack 15 asked Den 5 to present the colors. Colors were led by Diana Grandio.

Waltermann reminded everyone that the Blue and Gold Banquet will be at 4 p.m., Feb. 22 at the Eagles Hall. It will include the graduation of Den 1 and Den 7 Webelos into boy scouts.

Waltermann asked if everyone was ready to race, and he received a big "Yes" by the contestants. The colors were then retired by assistant Cub Master Curt Lloyd.

The judging of the most unique car was performed by Eagles Vice President Bob Gregonis. Richard Kindle Jr. of Den 3 was the winner.

Race recorders Jim and Pam Bledsoe called for the racing to begin.

Gregonis judged at the finish line, while Douglas Mueller of Troop 46 was the starter.

Dorothy Burgess of Den 5 provided refreshments for the scouts and families.

Racers were divided into



Bradley Grace



Richard Kindle Jr.

four groups. Winners included: Tigers — first place, Cody Frazier; second place, Michael Milton. Wolves — first place, Tyler Smith; second place, Andy Burton; third place, Randy Eyles. Bears — first place, Rich Kindle; second place, Austin Hendricks; third place, Jonathan Steward. Webelos — first place, Bradley Grace; second place, R.J. Barrios; third place, Jeremy

Bledsoe. Overall winner of the pack was Bradley Grace.

After the competition, Waltermann thanked everyone for coming, and wished good luck to the winners in the district. Winners will race in the District Pinewood Derby on March 14 at the Greenville, Ill. High School. Time of races, are to be announced.

"I think everything's been running really smooth," he said. "I think the only thing I know everybody's disappointed with is not having any snow on the ground."

"The boys were ready to go when we got to the barn at 6 a.m.," Wyatt said. "They had everything packed that they needed."

He said the best part is "what happens with the boys."

"They're out here today physically enjoying themselves

and building mental skills," he said. "They'll take these with them the rest of their lives."

Charles Thompson, assistant scout master for Troop 23 in Collinsville, said his group had spent the night at the camp, and were having a "great time."

•Klondike

(Continued from Page 1C) carry — their sleds to each activity.

"It's a minimum 50 pounds empty, then they put their gear in," said Bill Dust.

Making it more difficult was the lack of snow, and slightly warmer weather that turned much of the area to mud.

"They're having a ball, mud and all," Debbie Dust said.

Despite the name, snow has never been on the ground during a derby since the council was formed by merging two others.

"We had snow last weekend, when we came back we asked the camp ranger why he didn't keep it for us," Bill Dust said.

"At lunchtime scouts were

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